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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2002 in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Group I: Claims 1-27, directed to transponder ranging system, classified in class 342, subclass 118.

Group II: Claims 28 and 29, directed to calculating signal delay, classified in 342, subclass 375.

Group III: Claims 30-35, directed to determining the velocity of a transponder, classified in class 342, subclass 104.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 28 and 29, for prosecution in the present application.

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed. The claim groups are closely related and can most efficiently be examined in a single application. It is believed that the searches for the three claim groups would be coextensive. Accordingly, withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested.

The application is now ready for examination on the merits. If there are questions regarding this response, please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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